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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN TRADE UNIONISTS IN ARGENTINA

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1. CGTU DELEGATION WHICH CAME TO ARGENTINA ALLEGEDLY AT INVITATION CGT RECEIVED COOL RECEPTION. DELEGATION OBVIOUSLY MISTOOK INVITATION BY CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER ALVAREZ AS OFFICIAL CGT INVITATION. IT WAS NOT. RATHER, IT WAS PERSONAL INVITATION OF ALVAREZ, WHO IS ALSO FITE SEC GEN. DESPITE EFFORTS ALVAREZ'S UNION (SUTEP), CGT WAS "TOO BUSY" TO RECEIVE THEM.

2. AT SUGGESTION ALVAREZ, SUTEP OFFICIAL SPINELLI AND FITE EDUCATION COORDINATOR GUTTENBERG TOOK DELEGATION TO CGT UNANNOUNCED ON APRIL 25 AND MANAGED CORRAL CGT PRESS SECRETARY WIMER. CGTU DELEGATION EXTOLLED VIRTUES URUGUAYAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES GOU, AND REQUESTED CGT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION. WIMER EXCUSED HIMSELF AFTER SHORT VISIT AND SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT "TALK TO SOMEONE" ABOUT PREPARATION CGT DOCUMENT IN SUPPORT CGTU. NO DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED TO DATE, NOR IS THERE ANY REAL LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH STATEMENT OF SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

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3. IN APRIL 28 COMMUNIQUE EXILED URUGUAYAN CNT ATTACKED "ABSENCE OF PRESS FREEDOM AND TRADE UNION ACTIVITY IN URUGUAY", AND CALLED FOR TRADE UNION ELECTIONS UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF ILO. OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO CGTU DELEGATION, COMMUNIQUE ALSO DENOUNCED PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA OF "PAID ADVENTURERS WHO SEEK TO CONFUSE THE REALITY OF THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE". THE CNT IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CGT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL ENCOUNTER ANY GREATER MEASURE OF SUCCESS THAN THAT ENJOYED BY THE CGTU.

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